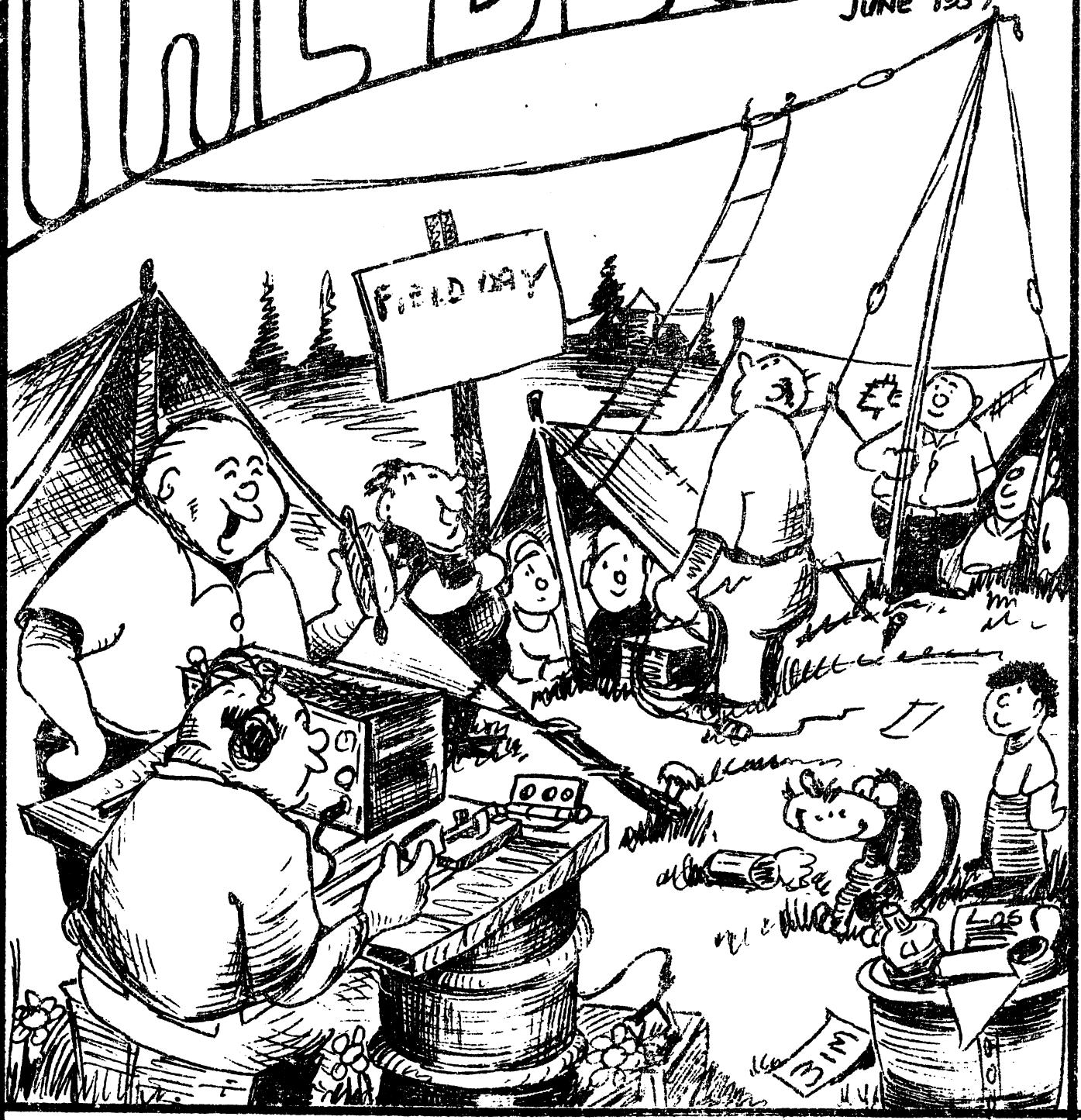


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First Mon. of the month at... Town Hall
Germantown & Haines, Phila.. 8:00 P.M.

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kc.	Ch 3 - 27000 Kc.
Ch 2 - 29626 Kc.	Ch 4 - 50.7 Mc.
Scrambled-Egg Net, Weekdays,	0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays,	1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime	on Ch 1
29493 Kc. is monitored, daily,	0830-0900
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila area.	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A good ol' buddy of mine recently bit the dust. That is to say the man in the white coat threw the net over him and they took him away. His was a rare case, and a sory ye all should hear.

Not that he thought he was Napoleon or anything like that, he insisted he was really Steinmetz Marconi Maxim. But let me start at the beginning.

Ol' buddy was a mobile ham from way back. He had many a fine rig mounted in many a fine car. A firm believer in high primary current, he was the Leese-Neville type man and ten meters was his game. Then one day he bought a shiny new foreign car just a little bit bigger than a shoe box. The challenge of mounting all that gear in that little red can simply whetted his skill and in no time at all the big rig was mounted up, the Leese-Neville was churning on it's pulley beside that little ol' air cooled engine to a smooth purr, and pushed in the mike button. There was a loud snort, followed by a soft belch, then all was quiet. Seems that little mill just couldn't turn the big alternator. Some experimentation soon revealed that if he got up enough speed by going down a hill, he could hold that button in for as long as 45 seconds before the little bus would stall. With that tenacity so characteristic of all mobile hams he spent a whole weekend racing up and down hills screaming CQ Ten in 45 second bursts at the top of his lusty little lungs. Did he get one answer? Nope!

Now what was wrong? Those 6146's were sweating and groaning, the grid drive was up there, the plate current was max. Nothing wrong with the rig at all except it loads kinda funny. LOADING KINDA FUNNY!

Well it turned out hat the whole trouble was due to a very bad match. There just wasn't enough surface area to the heap to make a ground plane for the whip. Never to be outdone, Ol' Buddy just mounted up four radials and he was ready to go. Hat a sight. It would bring tears to your yes to hear that 45-second CQ. With a choke in their voices, most of the gang would acknowledge they had worked Ol' Buddy. Then it happened one day. As our hero made his call, a 2 came on 5 by 9 with a QRZ? !! Our Boy came fly'n down the hill a screaming in the mike, and held that button 46 seconds. They found him that way, mike still in hand, battery stone dead and he was quoting page 147 of the Lindsey report from memory.

THE LATEST SCOOP: Regarding FD - the committee has reported and is under full steam. Elsewhere in this issue and by special mailing you will all get full instructions, logs etc. etc. We are reminded by the faithful that it is time to line up the picnic for the summer - we need a date and a place. W3IW sez "It seems to me that even tho there were a few who complained about the spot at French Creek Park we who did have a large turnout up there. I do know that the place chosen last year wasn't so good. Who wants to eat in the middle of the midway? There is also the cost at such a place. "I want some more rides daddy etc." gets expensive. My vote for the Fire Tower at French Creek." Unquote. Two years ago it was obvious that there are a number of "novices or technicians" in the club who are completely unfamiliar with one of the finer points of life - that of a outdoor Charcoal Broiled cooking. This year by popular demand ED will demonstrate same for all hungry observers. Please note we said "observers" - if you wish to participate in this chop licking event it will be necessary to bring out all the necessary tools - steaks et al. Since there are a number of finer points & tricks that you must be prepared for we will list them in the next Blurb providing we have a spot comparable to French Creek Park with which to exercise same. Of course if there is no interest in such an event you must relegate you position to that of an "observer". ---

-GENERAL NOTICE-

If your name and address are not correct on the address label on this issue of the Blurb - please use the enclosed card to let us know the correct QTH. Mark it ATTENTION OF BLURB COMMITTEE - If your Blurb is late due to incorrect address - it will be your fault from now on - do it now!!

NOTICE TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE BLURB WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

This is the last issue of the Blurb you will receive unless you indicate your interest in receiving same by sending in the following info

Name & Call	Your affiliation with Amateur Radio
Address	Your club job
Club	Signature
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Blurb policy has been to limit distribution to clubs who reciprocate with their club Journals. There are exceptions. We are forced to clean out all dead wood from our mailings because our tired ole machine just won't print more than 200 copies. The publication group feels that a 200 mailing for a club with fixed membership of 100 is adequate. It can get out of hand.

A few spies from one fo the smaller, lesser, littler, inconspicuous clubs in the area showed up at the last meeting with arms in slings, mouths taped, but WITH THEIR EARS WIDE OPEN. All FD discussions were conducted by whispers. W3UZF says it is rumored that W3QVK's xyl will add another years free dues to Prexy's offer if the "accident to Jacks hand keeps him home over Field Day weekend. --- ED sure received a mess of cards in the mail last month in response to the address change business. Let's see what happens next time. His faith in Uncles mail man is not shaken contrary to popular belief. --- We know one who will get his mail chopped off if he doesn't get with it and that is our First Prexy Roy W4LSC. He is probably sporting a Star by now and keeping it a secret. There must be something he can send us for scoop from his new address in Springfield Va. ED nearly dropped thru the floor when his card came. --- W3HQJ received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Temple University at a special convocation held on May 1, 1957. His absence from PMRC & Chan 1 was caused by a trip to Geneva as a member of the U.S. delegation to the World Health Organization Meeting. He represented the dental profession on the 17 man group. Following the meeting Doc & XYL are touring Switzerland, Italy and Portugal. He will be back for FD to run up the club mobile score. --- W3UMK says Sat. the 27th or thereabouts the Balloonatics, and a multitude of

Sports cars were out. W3QQH and the red truck were much in evidence, as were W3HYU, W3BFM, W3PSC. The wind was light and the balloon landed about 8 miles west of Norristown alongside of Rt. 422. --- W3QQH says "I understand all PP10 to PP999 license tags are not listed in the police license directory. The names of owners may be had only by calling Harrisburg. W3UVL & W3YFV should make good use of this. W3SGR has a would be novice who would like to buy a receiver of almost nothing. He is cutting grass etc. for the money. So if any of you fellows has a "ham" receiver (a good oldie with xtal) you would like to see in a deserving spot - come forth. Johnie Caulwell is the name. Carl's fone MO - 4-4308. How about a time payment arrangement 1st per week. --- Carl send John over to ED's who has beaucoupe back issues of CQ & QST that are going out the door. --- W3RFJ reports he is heading out to Panama on SS Ancon for a vacation. --- From our favorite Editor W3NL - As President (self appointed) of the Washington Chapter of the Post Card Saving Society of America, I herewith return your card as I have my hands full as it is with the Washington Chapter and I do not wish to become a member of the Phila. Chapter. We have about 400 members in our Chapter at present, six of which live in the Phila. area. Do they also belong to your Chapter? (yep same crew) Maybe dual membership explains where the money goes...Andy says Typographical error in last Blurb - lotta nice words & W3NL hooked on to them; couldn't be me so must'a been an error! Still expect to make a meeting sometime this summer. Rekon we ought to revive the Half Way Meeting to see if any takers? Signed Vaseline Ivanitch. --- PMRC goes on record as a bunch of Flub Dubs if we do not redeem ourselves. We hatched the Halfway Meeting deal and then flunked out last year - how about it gang. It appears during the winter when activities (mobile & outside that is) are at a low ebb we dream of all the things we can do for the summer & of course when it comes along almost every weekend is taken up. That is our problem. Golf matches, parades, FD etc. Now seems to ED we ought to appoint an activity Chairman whose primary job is to keep dates straight, plan the likely turnout, avoid interferences, etc. so that a Half Way Meeting, or any other could be handled. 'Til all matter of planning. As we recall last year there was just too much doing with there-sulting low interest in more activity. Probably one of the inhibitors is the spot to meet - what is necessary is a local boy to case the location and report back. --- W3UVL checked the matter of weather for FD and has arranged it to be sunny & bright & cool - Hi of 75 & Lo of 68 for the event. --- Sam-Bob W3QZD to you is wearing out shoes these days running his upholstered roller skate. One of the main problems with that kind of car is your trouser legs keep filling up with dirt as they drag on the pavement. --- W3VVS contacted Roy W4LSC on 40 recently - he operates 6:00 am weekdays and 7:00 am Sundays. --- Someone to quote a popular phrase said "PMRC is a Non Profit Organization (We didn't plan it that way: it just happened) --- A few more points on FD - it is June 22 & 23, antennas are to go up a week before, 2 large or is it 3 tents to be used (one for goldbricking bellyhams) --- The Secretary paid the Blurb Staff the highest backhanded compliment we have received yet, he says (John that is) that there is no need to record meeting minutes because they are all in the Blurb hi. -- Spence gave an enlightening talk on noise rejection type Squelches. --- Ed's opinion - We have to get high power (all band) in the truck. We have some of the gear given to us, thanks to RFJ A communication center, as we are planning this thing, should have twice the signal of any mobile in the area. --- The boys are working on a RACES license plate for the Com Truck. --- Someones comment - Who put the foot prints on the Com Truck window upside down? Answer - W3QQH from sliding down from the roof to fix the antennas - so there. Ha. ---

Certificate Report

# 16	ON4DB	Claude	Belgium
# 17	TI2BX	Ted & Virginia	Costa Rica
# 18	Phila Wireless Asc.		

The same four (W3DOU W3DSG W3VKN W3WNC) are still on the 100% list. We picked up a new member in the active count. We now have 80 club members registered on the incoming lists.

GAY 'GATOR PINCHES POLICEMEN

We note in the "Upper Darby News" that Robert Fairlawn W3CCB had a tussle with a 'gator. We must ask him to tell us about it-----

W3SAI finally received his QSL from W4DQA/KS4 - Swan Island. Smitty, an Electronics Tech was assigned as a medic. Confronted with a whole mess of drugs he contacted John on PMRC & got the lowdown on what to give whom for whatever ailed him. --- Please note the activity on 145.62 every Wed nite at 2000 Phila. CD RACES net meets.

WE ARE ON OUR WAY

We refer to the Public Notice 43703 Dated April 4, 1957, Report No. 244 from the FCC-

NONBROADCAST AND GENERAL ACTIONS

The Commission en banc, by Commissioners McConnaughey (Chairman) Bartley, Lee and Craven, took the following actions on April 3:

"SPLIT CHANNEL" AND OTHER FREQUENCY PROPOSALS AFFECT MANY RADIO SERVICES (including amateur radio)

"The commission invites comments by June 10 to extensive rule-making affecting licenses in the (abstracted) Domestic Public Radio Services (Part 21) with necessary service frequency changes (Part 2)" - (ED's note Part 2 refers to the 11 meter band.)

(Abstracts that are pertinent) "The proposals are intended primarily to implement the Commissions Report and Order of Sept. 19, 1956 (Docket 11253) establishing a basic policy to provide additional frequencies through modified channel spacing and assignment method in the 26.96-27.23, & 27.23-27.28 bands, with operation in the latter regularized in most services, and to promote greater and more equitable utilization of these frequencies."

The subject they are talking about is -

Amateur Radio Service (Part 12)

"Reallocate a small segment (26.96 - 27.23 Mc.) of the Amateur frequencies to the Citizens Radio Service."

Obviously WE ARE ON OUR WAY toward loosing our bands. You are no doubt aware the squeeze is on from other services to chop up our bands. The ED would like to make this prediction. Knowing the lacadaisical attitude of most Amateurs we will make minor insignificant protestations over the loss of a small portion of the bands. We will lose this portion as a result. The brass-the next time the squeeze is applied, will muse how easy it was to get a chunk of the hambands and will look with favor on chopping up the balance. This ED will give from 1-5 years for this to happen. It seems to ED that if ~~1/2~~ of the present destructive energies of the limited few were channeled toward fighting this cause we could not help but come out ahead. How minutely insignificant the cheap rabble-rousing on all the bands-is-when your very existence is threatened. A note of bitterness and sarcasm "Keep up the 'good' work and we won't have hamming to worry about."

From the North Penn Static-

Paid Political Ad

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Jones for President is the password at the next meeting. A man of integrity who needs no introduction. Mark the X for Jones on the ballot. Also could be used as interpreter in case of merger with upstate Dutch radio clubs. Mach Schnell, and all

and all that rot.

Jones for President

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This paid ad by the Citizens for Jones, Double-Headed Variety. We hereby pledge our support to Mr. Jones, W3DHJ, for the office of President of the NPARC.

The Hof Brau Committee,
mit Wurzburger

NOTICE TO ALL AMATEUR JOURNALS

It has been brought to this ED's attention that material has been lifted from the Blurb with no credit line given either to the author or the Blurb. The case in point is a schematic and associated write up. You are reminded to read the inside of the front cover.

It is unfortunate the Sports Car Rallye (300 mile event) June 22-23 comes on Field Day. W3SOB, W3UZF, W3QVK, W3ULC have offered to assist but we cannot give it as active support as we would like. --- The last Mid-Month (MM) was held at W3DOU's new Qth out near Paoli. Sure is a fine place you have ther Tex. All you need is a mobile rig on the lawn mower and you will have no trouble in keeping the 3 acres of grass cut. ---

Summer Calender

May 18- Armed Forces Day	Truck on display
May 30- Springfield Parade	
June 16-St. Davids Golf Match	
June 22-23-Field Day	
July 4-Springfield Parade	
July 29-Aug 4-Academy of Model Aeronautics (NADC)	
July - August- Halfway Meeting	
August 4-ED's Birthday	
August -Picnic	

And if we have reports on the balance of them we will list 'em.

VISITORS TO THE LAST MEETING - W3GYL and wife Doris W3HHJ 'tis a fine day when Do visits us. W3ZXV, W3EBY, W3LEM, KN3AEK, W3PZG, W3HAS.

**** ANNOUNCEMENT **** ANNOUNCEMENT ****

W3EXY's (Doc Dillon) XYL Miriam, presented him with a son-Seth Hershel Wednesday morning, May 22nd

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